

Japanese Film Screenings with English subtitles

Admission Free • No advance booking required

2026

Wednesday, July 1

Scandal

Directed by Kurosawa Akira
1950 SHOCHIKU 104min B&W 35mm

This was Akira Kurosawa's first film for Shochiku, a drama depicting the problems caused by excessive journalism.

The screenplay was co-written by Akira Kurosawa and Ryuzo Kikushima. A promise young painter and a popular singer meet by chance, but a magazine reporter secretly photographs them. The photo is published in the magazine and goes viral, and the two become entangled in an unexpected scandal.



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Thursday, July 2

Lightning

Directed by Naruse Mikio
Based on a novel by Hayashi Fumiko
1952 KADOKAWA (Daiei) 88min B&W 35mm

A screen adaptation by Tanaka Sumie of a Hayashi Fumiko novel. Kiyoko, a bus guide, has an unemployed older brother, and two older sisters who were both married. These four siblings share the same mother, but each has a different father. The story depicts Kiyoko's patient and resilient life amidst complicated family situations.



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Friday, July 3

Akitsu Springs

Directed by Yoshida Yoshishige
Based on a novel by Fujiwara Shinji
1962 SHOCHIKU 112min Color 35mm

Yoshida Yoshishige adapted and directed a novel by Fujiwara Shinji. The lead actress Okada Mariko conceived the project herself to commemorate her 100th film appearance. In the final year of World War Two, Shinko, the 17-year-old daughter of an Akitsu innkeeper helps save the life of Shusaku, a young soldier who has lost the will to live.



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Start

14:00

(Doors open : 13 : 30) each day

Venue

Event Hall, Kyoto International
Community House (kokoka)

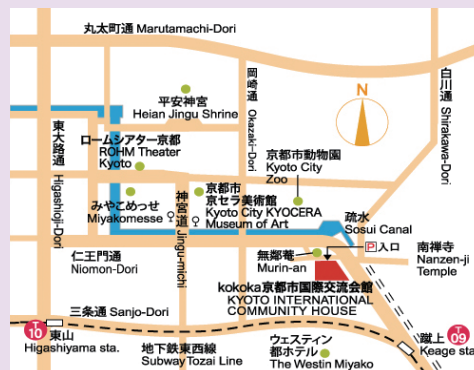
2-1 Torii-cho, Awataguchi, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto
300m from exit 2 of Keage Station of Kyoto
City Subway (6 minutes on foot)

Seating
capacity

200

(First-come-first-served basis) No advance booking required.

*Free seating. Entry after the start of the screening is not possible.



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